

Would the Courier be kind enough
to inform its readers What is Chloroform?
& how it is prepared?

Has James Page received a letter from Jacob
Goddard of Waterloo Point directed to the care of
R. Mather & Son

Keleedon ^{10th} 6th / 48

My Dear Friend

Joseph Benson Mather

By the Royal William we will ship 90 Bags
of Wheat from the Grange about 300 Bushels - The
resolutions left without taking out Wheat & Parcels
The Commisariat Returns are forwarded this Post
under cover to the Commisary General. 1850th meat
£21.5.9. & 91 meat 21^{pts} 10.6. - I have
given A. J. Stearns an order for £6.5.0 which he will
place in the Union Bank for collection - I have
sent the letter which was to have gone by the
Resolution by the Royal William & the Parcels
also. I have sent a memorandum above for
the Courier, it is a common case with Editors to suppose
every one is equally informed on matters with themselves
and anything that may be new to them they state

but never think of giving a full account of
any subject be it the history of a Nation's affairs or
a discovery in Science such have been the remarks
made in the Courier about Chloroform, that such a
substance was discovered & that its effects resembled those
of Ether have been stated, but what that substance is
how it is procured what its chemical constituents are
by whom it was discovered and what chemical processes
led to its discovery we are left to guess at, and perhaps
in Hobart Town all may obtain such information if
they wish it either from Books or Conversation not so in
the Country -

Goddard wished me to enquire of thee about the letter
in the other Memorandum it is about the renting
of a house & Goddard did not know where else to direct
to him -

The two Men thou sent arrived this Afternoon -
Mother will be obliged to thee to send her any sort of a
Frying Pan thou mayest think best

I have sent thee a letter by J. P. Nuttall as well as one for W. Thompson
I think those skin hats ought to be very cheap as they are so easily made & not of
near so substantial a character as Beaver hats

Mother would be obliged if
a few pieces of the knots of I
found on the Wharf they are

The Royal William did
until 5th day. she has a small

we do not know its contents as it
brought home. The Royal William goes
Head to take in Cargo & will return
week to Waterloo Point for our Wharf &

I received a letter from Walker Thos
that he would have Rodill & wish him
down by the end of last week. This was unexpected
I did not return to the Wedon until 5th day at

such an arrangement would have been convenient
very much as ^{not hearing from W.S.} I had agreed to retain him until
was entirely abandoned which we have been
daily. yet the operation of removing the stores & we

that I think it will be the end of the month
completed and on the 24th I have to attend to
at Oatlands and will have no one to leave in the
Hospital if he goes. but at the same time if W.D. must have
him immediately I will send him at once and expect to have
an answer from him by return of Post that is to say if he
requires him at once. Henry and his Father have gone to James
Lords after some cattle we expect them home tomorrow. We have
had a melancholy accident in Swan Port last week ^{on 1st of this month}.
Ellis the Blacksmith & three other men took a Boat from Edwards's about
a mile below the Grange and during the height of the flood caused by the
two previous days rain and have never been since heard of, it is
supposed that the Boat struck on a Branch of a Tree which projected
over the River and was so low as to be covered by the flood & therefore
not seen by them. That the boat striking on the branch was whirled
round by the violence of the stream upset & sunk, the boat was
found very near the spot where it is conjectured the accident happened
but although every search has been made for the bodies they have
not yet been discovered. some say the men were tipsy. Ellis was
once a Tenant of the Grange he held a Ticket of Leave I had just
returned from a Road Party to which he had been sentenced for misconduct
he has left a wife and a number of children. the others were Ticket
of Leave men & one had been out Servant

Mother and all you would be glad if Maria
 it would brighten the prospect of all. I think
 if Maria could make up her mind to leave to
 if they come by don't we can manage it. She
 the weather will be good. It is
 will leave with Father in about
 could get in the Steam Boat to Port
 home she would sail. Sarah Ogden
 Father & I to proceed to town in the 5

Dear A. Henry
 10/16/40

Joseph Benson Walker
 10/16/40
 Joseph Benson

10/16/40
 10/16/40

10/16/40

Mary Henry
 10/16/40

return next week to the Rocky Hills & she will be
 in her next trip ~~to the~~ that will be in a fortnight or
 up that Maria would come. We all unite in
 kind love to you all and remain thy friend
 George L. Story